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(C) On November 16, Poloff met with MFA Venezuela Desk Officer Elisabeth Eklund regarding proposed changes in the Venezuelan constitution. Eklund said Sweden supports the EU issuing a statement expressing concern about the deteriorating human rights and democratic situation in Venezuela and is currently working within the EU on this issue. Eklund added that during the visit of Colombia's Vice President to Stockholm next week, Development Minister Gunilla Carlsson intends to address Swedish concerns about the human rights situation and state of democracy in Venezuela.
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